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THE MISSION HAS BROUGHT THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN REGARDING POSSIBLE EC CONTROLS OVER SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE FISHERY ZONES OF THE MEMBER STATES TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EC COMMISSION (HARDY AND FARNELL) AND THE COUNCIL SECRETARIAT (ERIC STEIN), DRAWING ON REFS A AND C AS APPROPRIATE. FARNELL STRESSED THAT ALTHOUGH TULLY IS IN THE SECTION OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR US RELATIONS HIS PRIMARY INTEREST IS INDUSTRIAL TRADE; HE HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH FISHERY MATTERS OR LAW OF THE SEAS ISSUES IN GENERAL. FARNELL SAID TULLY'S COMMENT REPORTED PARA 2 REF B WAS INDEED AN OFF-HAND OBSERVATION WHICH DOES NOT REFLECT EC POLICY WHICH IS STILL IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROCESS OF FORMULATION, LARGELY IN ORDER TO REPLY TO A CIRCULAR INQUIRY FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE SEA (ICES). THE ICES INQUIRY, ADDRESSED TO THE EC AND ALL CONTRACTING MEMBERS BORDERING THE NORTHEAST ATLANTIC, EXPRESSES THE ICES RECOMMENDATION FOR UNFETTERED FISHERY RESEARCH AND ASKS FOR SUPPORT OF THIS POSITION. ALTHOUGH THE EC HAS NOT YET TACKLED THE TASK OF ARRIVING AT A COMMON

POLICY ON RESEARCH, FARNELL ADMITTED THAT SOME EC OFFICIALS LEANED TO THE VIEW THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME LIMITATIONS, SUCH AS RESTRICTIONS ON FISHERY RESEARCH IN EC WATERS BY THIRD COUNTRIES WHO DO NOT HAVE FISHERY ACCESS TO THE NEW 200-MILE ZONES OF THE MEMBER STATES. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US VIEWS AND PROMISED TO KEEP THE MISSION INFORMED AS THE EC POSITION EMERGES. HINTON

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